

REMARKS

In the present Amendment, the claims have been amended to improve their form. New Claims 36-53 have been added. Claim 36 corresponds to Claim 1, but recites that the second modification process comprising adding a condensation accelerator to the reaction system *after the completion thereof*. Claims 37-53 corresponds to Claims 3-5, 7-14 and 19-24, respectively, but depends from Claim 36, directly or indirectly.

Applicants submit that the Claims 1, 3-5, 7-14 and 19-24 are patentable over the references for the reasons set forth in the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c) filed November 25, 2008. Claims 36-53 are patentable over the references for at least the same reasons that Claims 1, 3-5, 7-14 and 19-24 are patentable over the references.

Allowance is respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING MODIFIED POLYMER, MODIFIED POLYMER
OBTAINED BY THE PROCESS AND RUBBER COMPOSITION

EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

An Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c) is attached hereto for concurrent filing in the above-identified application. The resulting excess claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

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